LOK WOBILE HOME RESIDENTS or call Toll-Free (877) 221-SAFE (7233). You can also go online to www.mysafeflorida.org.

For tips on how to make your home safer, go online to www.flash.org (Federal Alliance for Safe Homes) **BNIFDING OK KEWODEFINGS**

safe room when a storm threatens. members know where the safe areas are in your home. Be sure to take your disaster supply kit into your - a bathroom, hallway or closet which will help buffer you from the storm's winds. Make sure all family DO NOT stay in a room which does not have shielded windows/glass doors. Find an interior room **PFE ROOM**

same system on every window. Source: www.Hash.org. with impact resistant laminated window and door systems, if teasible. Hint: You don't have to use the shutters or other approved window protection systems with proper mounting fixtures or replace them bark to reduce damage. Cover all windows and glass doors with securely fastened, impact-resistant caulked and/or weather stripped. Replace gravel/rock landscaping material with fire treated, shredded office from total destruction in a hurricane or severe storm. Make sure all doors and windows are properly

Protecting your windows is perhaps one of the most important factors in securing your home or OVER YOUR WINDOWS

damage starts with wind entry through garage doors. does not, replace with a hurricane resistant one. Approximately 80% of residential hurricane wind Garage doors should be able to withstand hurricane wind loads and the impacts of flying debris. If yours

minimum one inch bolt throw length. Entry doors are easily damaged by high winds. Bolt all doors with foot and head bolts with a

D RACE YOUR ENTRY & GARAGE DOORS

going to re-root in the near future. This technique can increase the wind uplift resistance by up to 3 times, but should not be used if you are intersections of the roof deck and roof support element (rafter or truss chord) on both sides of the beam. Using a caulking gun, apply a 1/4 inch bead of APA AFG-01 certified wood adhesive along all

triangular gable end walls. vertical beams. Also, make sure that there is wood sheathing (planks or plywood) behind the stucco of the If your roof was built before 1994 and is gabled, brace all gable-end framing with horizontal and V NCHOK YOUR ROOF

Safe Room

C over your windows; and find your

brace entry and garage doors; Anchor your root;

☐ Non-electric can opener

☐ Plastic trash bags



Disaster Supply Kit

container. Replenish as necessary.

☐ Portable radio and (7 sets) batteries

(minimum 7 days)

☐ Instant tire sealer

☐ Camera and film

□Yes □No

☐ Whistle and/or distress flag

Evacuation zone we live in: _

☐ Two weeks supply of prescription medicines

if advised by the Poison Control Center)

☐ Fire extinguisher (small canister, ABC type)

Plastic tarp, screening, tools and nails, etc.

Two coolers (one to keep food; one to go get ice)

Water purification kit (tablets, chlorine (plain) and iodine)

☐ Clean-up supplies (mop, buckets, towels, disinfectant)

☐ Infant necessities (medicine, sterile water, diapers, ready formula,

Write your own family plan

☐ Mosquito repellant & citronella candles

Here are the most important items for your **Disaster**

☐ Seven day supply of non-perishable/special dietary foods

☐ Drinking Water/containers - 1 gal/per person/per day

Supply Kit. Stock up today and store in a water-resistant

Flashlights and (7 sets) batteries for each member of the family

compresses, aspirin and aspirin-free pain reliever, anti-diarrhea

me<mark>dication, antacid, Syrup of Ipecac (used</mark> to promote vomiting

First aid book and kit including bandages, antiseptic, tape,

REMEMBER your ABC'S: the forces of wind associated with severe weather do this well before the storm threatens. To withstand уоит ћоте. Whatever choice уои таке, take time to inspector, architect, engineer or contractor inspecti comfortable with an experienced and licensed or crawl space with a flashlight. You may feel more improvements, you will have to get up in the attic to make your home safer. To make some of these There are some specific actions you should take

Protecting your family

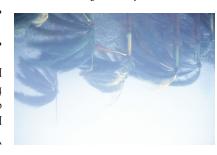
Canned foods can be eaten right out of the can. If you heat it in the can, be sure to open the can and heat food with candle warmers, chafing dishes and fondue pots. • For emergency cooking, you can use a charcoal grill, gas grill or camp stove (outdoors only!). You also can • Use nonperishable foods and staples last.

days. However, do not refreeze defrosted foods once power is restored. toods will usually still have ice crystals in their centers (meaning the toods are safe to eat) for at least three times you open the freezer door, post a list of freezer contents on it. In a well-filled, well-insulated freezer, Use perishable foods from the refrigerator first, then use foods from the freezer. To minimize the number of

• Unplug as many appliances and other electrical equipment as possible to avoid shock and surges when residents and businesses back online the quickest. Be patient. nursing homes, fire stations, 911 centers, and shelters) are first, then those repairs which will bring the most

There is a priority restoration plan: critical facilities (like hospitals, Crews cannot be deployed into the neighborhoods before the winds

possible. However, Floridians need to have realistic expectations. for restoration. Their mission is to get the power back online as soon as companies in the Tampa Bay area have very detailed and extensive plans power loss. Downed trees and flying debris are the major culprits. Power With flooding and high winds, you can assume you will experience some



The power of planning ahead

credit cards or personal checks. • Get cash. Banks and AI Ms won't be in operation without electricity and few stores will be able to accept • Secure your boat early. Drawbridges will be closed to boat traffic after an evacuation order is issued.

Fill your car's gas tank and check oil, water and tires. Gas pumps won't operate without electricity after a and furniture off the floor. It there is a chance flooding could threaten your home, move important items such as electronics, antiques at the top and bottom

Protect your windows and glass doors with plywood or storm shutters. Brace double entry and garage doors Leave the swimming pool filled and super-chlorinated. Cover the filtration system. Clear your yard of lawn furniture, ported plants, bicycles, trash cans and other potential airborne missiles. • Refill prescriptions. Maintain at least a two-week supply during hurricane season. • Check your Disaster Supply Kit. Obtain any needed items. Tampa Bay area.)

> information go to www.noaa.gov or www.weather.gov, click on officials. DON'T GAMBLE WITH YOUR LIFE! (For more Center. Don't focus on the exact forecasted track, listen to local potential error in the forecast track from the National Hurricane REMEMBER: Hurricanes can be unpredictable. There is always Weather Radio. Don't trust rumors, and stay tuned to the latest

Listen for weather updates on local stations and on NOAA

As the storm approaches

D Whether you rent or own your home, review your insurance policies with your agent now.

Make sure your street address number is clearly marked on your

important papers in a safe place and send a copy to a relative out of • video survey of your property. Store with insurance and other Inventory your property and possessions on paper and take a

disturbed, cordless phones will not work during power outages. electric land-line phone. Even though phone service may not be T Purchase a battery-powered weather alert radio and a non-

Keep your home in good repair. Tacking down loose roofing, trimming trees and keeping gutters clean are good places to start.

protect your home before the storm. Make plans and purchase materials, such as storm shutters, to

Check your **Disaster Supply Kit** and obtain any items you need.

early and travel the shortest distance possible. Think tens of miles, not the area or go to a hotel, do not delay. Determine your route, leave shelter or out of the region). REMEMBER, if you are going to leave Iriend or relative, a hotel or motel, or as a last resort, a public Decide NOW where you would go if ordered to evacuate (a

your local emergency management office BEFORE THE STORM location. If you need help determining your zone, go online or call REMEMBER: All mobile home residents must evacuate, regardless of zone. Determine if and when you would have to evacuate. where you live and your evacuation

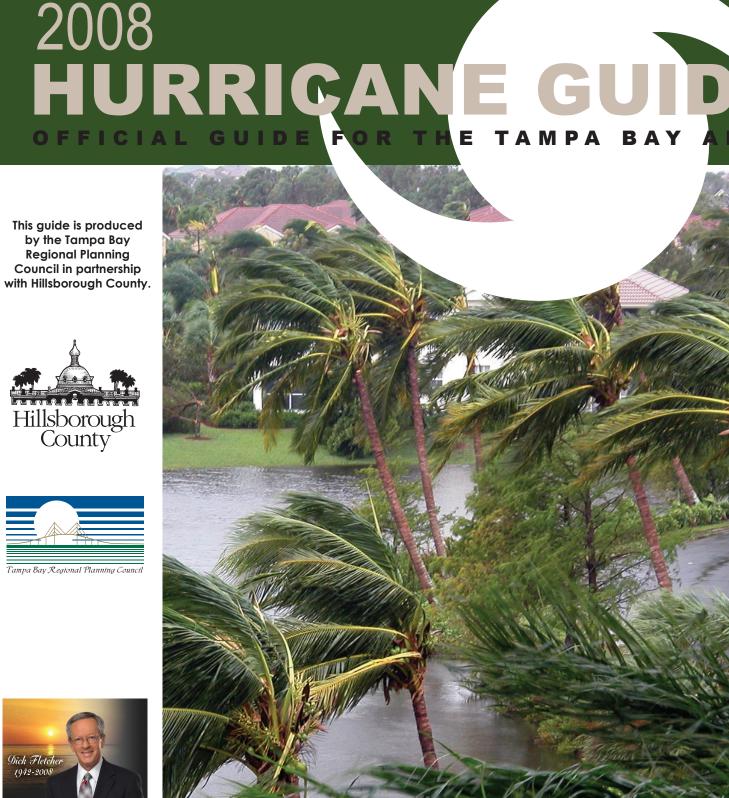
Map inside this guide. Locate Refer to the Hurricane Evacuation

inside map page. Cross. Phone numbers are listed on the or local chapter of the American Red local emergency management agency ww.floridadisaster.org and call your to www.tampabayprepares.org and your family. If you need help, go online guide and make your plan. Talk with

Lt's not hard. Read through this Make your Family Disaster Plan.

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HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE AGAIN...



If you can stay home



If you live in a sound structure outside the evacuation area and do not live in a mobile home, stay home and take these precautions:

- Make sure your windows, doors and garage doors are protected. Clean containers including your bath tub for storing water. Plan on three gallons per person, per day for at least seven days for drinking and other uses.
- Offer your home as shelter to friends or relatives who live in vulnerable areas or mobile homes.
- Check your **Disaster Supply Kit**. Make sure you have at least a seven day supply of non-perishable foods. Don't forget a nonelectric can opener.
- During the storm, stay inside and away from windows, skylights and glass doors. • Find a Safe Room in your home, usually an interior, windowless reinforced room such as a closet or bathroom on the lower floor.
- Wait for official word that the danger is over. Don't be fooled by the storm's calm eye.
- If flooding threatens your home, turn off electricity at the main breaker.
- If you lose power, turn off major appliances, such as the air conditioner and water heater to reduce damage from surge when power is restored.
- · Monitor your battery-operated radio, NOAA weather radio or TV for the latest advisories and other emergency information.
- Do not travel until you are told it is safe to do so.

If you must evacuate

If you live in an evacuation area or a mobile home, when an evacuation order is given, don't panic. Move at a steady pace and ensure you leave enough time to get to where you will weather the storm. DO NOT take chances with your life by staying at home or waiting until the weather turns bad!

- Make sure your destination is not within a zone that has been ordered to evacuate.
- Take enough supplies for your family. Take your pets. Don't forget their supplies.
- Take important papers, including your driver's license special medical information, insurance policies and
- your insurance agent's name and number and property inventories. • Also take irreplaceable items, such as photos or keepsakes.
- Let friends and relatives know where you are going. Make sure your neighbors have a safe ride.
- Turn off your electricity, water and gas if officials tell you to do so.
- Lock your windows and doors.
- Stay tuned to your local radio and television station for emergency broadcasts.
- LEAVING COASTAL AREAS-If you are leaving the area, remember to take supplies with you. Move inland away

from the storm surge and inland flooding, but it is not recommended that residents try to leave the region. Roads will be heavily congested and you run the risk of being caught on the highway without a safe refuge or running into the storm if it takes a different track.

HOTEL OR MOTEL-If you plan to go to a hotel or motel, you will need to check for availability and make your reservation well in advance. Some hotels/motels have standing reservation hurricane programs and some relax their pet restrictions in an emergency. Again, make sure your destination is not in an evacuation zone.

What to expect after the storm



nd businesses). Remember gas stations, supermarkets, staurants, and government agencies just went through the ame storm you did and there

be prepared to be self-reliant.

RE-ENTRY

BE PATIENT. Even though the winds have stopped blowing, you won't be able to return to your home until search and rescue operations are complete and safety hazards, such as downed power lines, are cleared. It may take time for emergency crews to reach your neighborhood.

- Have valid ID. Access to affected areas will be controlled by security
- required (current photo ID and a power, water or telephone bill). Avoid driving, especially through water, regardless of depth or speed. Road

Once you arrive home • Walk around your home from the outside first to survey damage.

- Enter your home with caution. Open windows and doors to ventilate and dr
- If you suspect a gas leak, leave immediately and notify the Fire Department
- If your home has been flooded, have a qualified licensed electrician inspect the electrical system and appliances before turning the power back on. • Be careful with fire. Do not strike a match until you are sure there are no
- breaks in gas lines. • Let your out-of-town contact know you are alright.

POST-STORM SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Use extreme caution. There could be many dangerous situations all around you such as structural, water, electrical or gas leak hazards.

- Keep grills and generators outdoors in a well-ventilated area. <u>Carbon</u>
- Monoxide poisoning is a frequent killer after a storm passes. • Avoid candles. Use battery-operated flashlights and lanterns instead.
- Stay tuned to your local radio or television for up-to-date emergency information. Avoid driving and phone use. Keep lanes and lines open for emergency
- Avoid downed or dangling power lines. Be especially careful when clearing
- Always supervise children-DO NOT WADE IN FLOOD WATERS. Be aware of snakes, insects, alligators or animals driven to higher ground by
- Be extremely careful with a chain saw and follow all safety precautions • Call professionals to remove large, uprooted trees, etc. You can become
- seriously injured trying to remove heavy trees from your property. • Always use proper safety equipment such as heavy gloves, safety goggles,
 - heavy boots, light- colored long-sleeve shirts and long pants. Tie back long by a licensed electrician. hair, wear a hat and sunscreen.

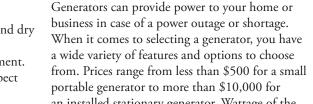


ve have learned, after a opical storm or hurricane strike, ou may be without power and nany of the services you rely on water, sewer, phone, cell phone,

vill be an interruption in services while repairs are made. Immediate response may not be possible, so everyone must

- checkpoints. Valid identification with your current local address will be
- will have debris which can puncture your tires!

GENERATORS



Don't burn trash.

CLEAN-UP & REPAIRS

an installed stationary generator. Wattage of the generator, as well as number, voltage and amperage

of outlets determine which equipment can be powered.

and other types of site development.

Protect Yourself From Contractor Fraud

uninvited and offering to do home repairs.

an indication they are not properly licensed.

Consumer Fraud hotline at 1-866-966-7226.

- 1. Determine the appliance or equipment you want to use.
- 2. Determine if a portable or stationary generator is required. 3. Determine if you will need multiple outlets or multiple types of outlets on your

• Drink plenty of fluids, rest and ask for help when you need it.

• Know what your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy covers and what

repairs to correct safety hazards and minimize further damage. Take

photographs of all damage before repairs and keep all receipts.

you will need to submit a claim. You will be required to make temporary

After assessing damage to your home, contact your local building department

• Hire only licensed contractors. Be cautious of anyone coming to your home

• Obtain a written estimate or contract. Insist on start/completion dates and

payment terms in the contract. Do not pay in full before work begins and

• Don't pull the permits for the contractor. If they make this request, it may be

If you suspect a contractor of potential fraud, contact the State of Florida

do not pay the final balance until the work is completed to your satisfaction.

for information on required building permits. Permits are always required for

any kind of demolition or permanent repairs, reconstruction, roofing, filling

- **NEVER connect a portable generator to building wiring.** There is an
- extreme danger of generator back-feed for the general public (downed wires etc.) and utility workers. Plug appliances, etc., directly into the generator.
- Place generator outdoors and away from doors, windows, and vents that could allow carbon monoxide (CO) to come indoors. Exhaust fumes are deadly. If you start to feel sick, dizzy or weak while using a generator, get
- fresh air right away. DO NOT DELAY. • Before refueling your generator, turn it off and let it cool down. Don't
- forget to check the oil every time you add gas. Keep the generator dry. • Conserve fuel by alternating appliances. For example, refrigerators can be
- kept cool by supplying power eight hours a day. • Store fuel safely outside in properly labeled approved storage containers.

Stationary Generators (Whole House) Generators

Stationary generators run off gas utility lines or an LP tank. They automatically supply electrical power to pre-selected circuits that supply a home's lighting, air conditioning, water heater and appliances. They MUST be professionally installed

Advice for older adults



n Florida, we are particularly vulnerable to evere weather like hurricanes and elders are especially susceptible to their effects. Those who ive alone, or are without the support of family friends, must take special precautions in the vent of an emergency situation. People who are rail or disabled (either mentally or physically) may need special assistance from family members, friends or social service agencies. Older adults who are also caregivers may require outside assistance. Excessive stress and anxiety can contribute to increased episodes of illness, particularly for persons with heart disease and

other illnesses. If an older adult lives in a nursing home, assisted living facility (ALF) or boarding home, the administrator should be contacted to learn about the disaster plan for that facility.

Father. Grandfather. Meteorologist. Environmentalist. Educator. Community Leader. TBRPC Councilman. Emergency Management Partner. Tampa Bay's Weatherman. Friend.

Husband.

When you prepare for this year's hurricane season, Remember Fletch.

- Tell your health agency and oxygen company where you will be
- home health agency, contact your physician. • If you require respirators or other electric-dependent medical equipment, you should make prior medical arrangements with your
- regarding your care, special equipment and bedding with you. If you will need assistance in an evacuation or need to go to a
- special needs shelter, please register NOW with your County Emergency Management Agency.
- only medical monitoring. Bring one caregiver with you. If you require hospitalization, you must make prior arrangements
- must be rationed to care for the sick and injured.



Protect your pets



Don't leave your pet and don't use your pet as an excuse not to evacuate. Don't put yourself, your family and your pet at risk! You are responsible for planning for your pet. If you are ordered to evacuate, take your Pet Survival Kit if you go to friends, relatives or a hotel. Unless there are pet-friendly shelters in your county, shelters cannot accept pets. As a pet owner, you must plan ahead. Check out your options. For more information call your local SPCA, Animal Control or Humane Society. If you plan to go to a hotel or motel, go online to www.

After the storm has passed, be careful in allowing your pet outdoors. Familiar scents and landmarks may be altered and your pet could easily be confused and become lost. Downed power lines, other animals and insects brought in with high water could present real dangers to your pet. Take care not to allow your pet to consume food or water which may have become contaminated. Nearly 80 percent of pets displaced by a storm are never reunited with their owners.

PET SURVIVAL KIT

- Proper ID collar and rabies tag/license*
- Vaccination paperwork Carrier or cage (large enough for your pet to move around)
- Ample food supply (at least two weeks) Water/food bowls

Any necessary medication(s)

- Specific care instruction Newspapers, cat litter, scoop, plastic trash bags for handling waste
- Proper ID on all belongings Photo of you and your pet

■ Non-electric can opener

- A comfort item such as a favorite toy or blanket
- *Make sure your pets have had all their shots within the past 12 months. Pet-friendly shelters and boarding facilities will require proof of vaccinations.

A word about insurance

Insurance is something most people don't want to think about until they need it most. But understanding what is and isn't covered in your homeowner's or renter's insurance policy can mean the difference of being able to rebuild your home and replace your personal belongings. If you experience any problems with a hurricane or catastrophic claim, please contact the Florida Department of Financial Services at 1-800-227-8676 (1-800-22-STORM).

Policy Limits Must be Adequate to Replace the Home if That Becomes Necessary You need enough insurance to cover the cost of rebuilding your home at current construction costs and building codes. Don't include the cost of the land. Check the value of your insurance policy against rising

local building cost EACH YEAR. Advise your insurer and increase the limits of your policy if you make

Federal Flood Policy is Necessary for Flooding and Storm Surge Coverage Standard homeowner's policies **do not** cover damage from floods, including storm surge from a hurricane. Insurance for flooding and storm surge is available from the National Flood Insurance Program. Information should be available through the agent handling your regular homeowner's policy, but is also available from the National Flood Insurance Program or by calling 1-888-379-9531.

Make Sure You are Aware of Your Hurricane Deductible Even though the requirements have been in effect for 10 years, many Florida residents were caught unaware of their homeowner's insurance deductible. Nearly 70 percent of homes in Florida have a special deductible for hurricane damage in the amount of 2 percent of the policy limits per event. For a \$200,000 home, that is approximately \$4000 per event. Homes valued at less than \$100,000 may still have a \$200 - \$500 deductible. More expensive homes may have a 5% deductible. Talk with your agent to determine your potential out of pocket expense!

Remember, there is a 30 day waiting period for flood insurance to go into effect. Don't wait until a storm

Building Code Upgrade Coverage Building codes are updated periodically and may have changed significantly since your home was built.

improvements or additions to your house.

If your home is badly damaged, you may be required to rebuild your home to meet new building codes. That includes homes built before flood regulations which may require the home to be elevated. Many insurance companies offer an Ordinance or Law endorsement that pays a specified amount toward these additional costs.

Personal Possessions Most homeowner's insurance policies provide coverage for your personal possessions in amounts approximating 50% to 70% of the amount of insurance you have on the main structure or "dwelling".

The limits of the policy typically appear on the Declarations Page under Section I, Coverage C. Contents. To determine if this is enough coverage, you need to conduct a home inventory and talk with your agent. Replacement Cost or Actual Cash Value Coverage for Possessions

You can insure your possessions in two ways. You can either insure your belongings for their actual

cash value or their replacement cost. A cash value policy pays the cost to replace your belongings minus

depreciation. A replacement cost policy, on the other hand, reimburses you for the cost to replace the

This is a very important feature of a standard homeowner's insurance policy. This pays the additional costs of temporarily living away from your home if you can't live in it due to a hurricane, fire or other insured peril. It covers hotel bills, restaurant meals and other living expenses incurred while you are unable to inhabit your home. Flood insurance does not include additional living expense coverage, so this assistance will not be available when damages to a home occurred from flooding or storm surge. You

Additional Living Expenses After a Disaster

will still be required to make your monthly mortgage payment even if your home is uninhabitable.

Where we will go if we need to evacuate? □Shelter □Friend □Relative □Hotel

- Have I notified my out-of-state contact of our plans? ☐Yes ☐No
- Is my employer aware of my family plan and has my emergency contact information? Yes No
- Does a member of my family require a Special Needs Shelter?
- If yes, you must pre-register to find out which Special Needs

- Or mobile home: □Yes □No Medical Supplies Needed:
- 9. What will I do with my pet(s)? If I go: _
- If I stay: 10. What preventative measures will I take to safeguard my home? Does a member of my family require life support equipment? • Window protection purchased? □Yes □No

special medical information, insurance policies and property inventories, photographs) Precious commodities before & after a storm:

Phone (Special Needs Shelter Registration):

8. Are my photographs, keepsakes and valuables properly secured?

Address clearly marked on house? □Yes

• Hurricane-resistant garage door? ☐Yes ☐No

• Have I purchased Disaster Supply Kit? ☐Yes ☐No

11. Have we reviewed our insurance coverage? ☐Yes ☐No

• Roof reinforced? □Yes □No

• Generator? □Yes □No

• Identified safe-room: _

☐ Pillows, blankets, sleeping bags or air mattresses

If you evacuate you also should take:

☐ Extra clothing, shoes, eyeglasses, etc.

☐ Folding chairs, lawn chairs or cots

Extra batteries for camera, flashlights, radio, portable TV &

☐ Garbage can or bucket with tight-fitting lid and kitty litter (for

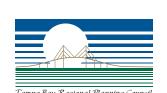
Toilet paper, paper towels and pre-moistened towelettes or baby

Personal hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)

Quiet games, books, playing cards and favorite toys for children

Important papers and irreplaceable keepsakes (driver's license,

☐ Cash (With no power, banks may be closed; checks and credit cards unaccepted, and ATMs may not be operational) ☐ Charcoal, Wooden Matches and Grill (Do not use indoors) ☐ A corded phone that does not require electricity











Home health care & homebound patients

- during a hurricane. Ask them about their plans to provide care. • If you are homebound and under the care of a physician, but not a
- physician. You should also register with your local power company. If you evacuate, remember to take medications, written instructions
- Special needs shelters do not provide hands-on medical care,
- through your physician. Please remember that hospitals are NOT shelters. During disasters such as hurricanes, hospitals have a limited number of resources that





A message from County Administrator Pat Bean

The past two hurricane seasons have been quiet - thankfully - but we cannot take for granted that this year will be the same. Your County's Emergency Management team works year round to ensure we are ready to respond to hurricanes or any other type of disaster. Now it's your turn.

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As the 2008 hurricane season begins we want all our residents to be prepared – know your zone, have a plan, and know your plan. Here are some tips to help keep you and your family safe:

- Prepare your disaster survival kit using the information in this guide. Food, water, medicine and batteries are all
- very important but don't forget your important documents and be sure to secure them in waterproof packages.

 Know if you live in an evacuation zone and where you're going to go if an evacuation is ordered.
- Stay informed about weather and developing storms so you will have plenty of time to prepare your family and secure your home.

Not one person can do it alone. It will take the efforts of our entire community to help us rebound after a natural disaster. You can help by being prepared...know your zone, have a plan, and know your plan...then be ready to act. I hope you find this guide helpful in your preparations. Keep it handy, refer to it often and together we will make Hillsborough County the most prepared county in the nation.



Using your County map

1. Locate where you live and work on the map.

- 2. Determine whether you are in an evacuation area, and if so, what level (color).
- 3. If you are in an evacuation area, or mobile home/manufactured home/RV, decide where you will go if ordered to evacuate. Your choices include:
- Home of a relative or friend outside the evacuation zones
- Hotel/motel outside the evacuation zones (make arrangements early)
- Go to a public shelter As a last resort, leave the area entirely
- 4. If you must go to a public shelter, use your county map to decide which one is convenient. Make sure you verify the shelter is open before you go.

HURRICANE THREAT

- The colored areas on the map are vulnerable to storm surge. Storm surge is the saltwater flooding that rushes over coastal areas when the eye of a hurricane approaches land.
- Storm surge creates a path of destruction, wiping out structures as it rapidly surges inland and then recedes. This is a life threatening situation for anyone who ignores mandatory evacuation orders and stays in vulnerable areas.
- Hurricanes are categorized on a scale of 1 to 5, depending on wind strength and destructive power. The evacuation zones are color coded to designate the level of storm surge likely to occur with the five categories.
- If you live in an area ordered to evacuate, gather your family/pets and emergency supplies, secure your home and leave immediately. Failure to obey a mandatory evacuation order is a violation of state and local laws.
- Note: All persons living in mobile homes/manufactured homes/RVs must evacuate for all mandatory evacuation orders, regardless of where you are located in the county.

Hillsborough county shelter information

WARNING

Public shelters are indicated on the map and cross-referenced by number on this page. Public shelter spaces are limited, so shelters may fill up quickly during an evacuation. In addition, shelters provide an austere living environment. Those who need to evacuate should make every effort to find a protected location other than public shelters. Options may include homes of friends or relatives who do not have to evacuate, hotels/motels in safe areas or leaving the county (travel only as far as you must).

Under a major storm scenario, it may become necessary to open refuges to accommodate evacuees. These facilities have not been fully certified as public shelters and will not have the extent of services available at the public shelters listed on this page.

All residents looking for refuge from a storm should tune in to local television and radio stations for updated information. Announcements will be broadcast confirming shelter openings and alternate refuges if necessary.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Hillsborough County provides a shelter program for those residents requiring special medically related care. Special needs shelters will be available for persons requiring more skilled medical care than available in a public shelter but not requiring an acute care facility such as a hospital. If this type of extended care is needed, contact the Hillsborough InfoLine at 813-272-5900 to be considered for registration into this program.

NOAA Weather Radio

A NOAA weather radio can provide you with valuable hurricane information as well as vital warning information for tornados, severe thunderstorms and other dangerous weather phenomena. It also broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards such as chemical releases and significant matters of public safety. A weather radio which has the programmable Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) feature allows you to receive important weather information for your specific county or yours and surrounding counties. This feature allows you to program out watch and warning alerts for counties far distant from you so that your radio isn't receiving unwanted alerts. The store that sold you your unit may program your NOAA weather radio as you desire. For those living in and around the Tampa Bay area who wish to program your own radio, please use the following information.

Radio frequency for Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk & Sarasota Counties: 162.550

Radio frequency for Hernando County: 162.400

S.A.M.E. (FIPS) Code for each Bay Area county:

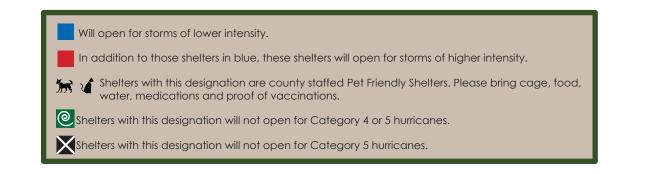
Hillsborough	012057	Pinellas	012103
Hernando	012053	Polk	012105
Manatee	012081	Sarasota	012115
Pasco	012101		

WEB BASED HURRICANE INFORMATION

Hillsborough County maintains a special web site to relay important hurricane related information for local residents. You can find out which, if any, evacuation zone you live in, your nearest public shelters, special needs registration forms and much more. To access this information via the internet, please use the following web address: http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/emergency/hurricaneinfo/home.cfm.

2008 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY EVACUATION MAP

Hillsborough County shelters				
N	10.	SHELTER NAME	ADDRESS	
			FOR LOWER INTENSITY STORMS	
5		Middleton High School	4801 N. 22nd St., Tampa	
		Simmons Center	1202 Grant St., Plant City	
1	** 1	Sickles High School	7950 Gunn Hwy., Tampa	
Ť	<i>7171</i> •	Shields Middle School	3908 19th Ave. NE, Ruskin	
i		Pizzo Elementary	11701 Bull Run Dr., Tampa	
5		Doby Elementary	6720 Covington Garden Dr., Apollo Beach	
1		Turkey Creek Middle School	5005 S. Turkey Creek Rd., Plant City	
1		Hammond Elementary	8008 N. Mobley Rd., Odessa	
		Deer Park Elementary	11605 Citrus Park Dr., Tampa	
	法分	Sessums Elementary	11525 Ramble Creek Dr., Riverview	
1	هم دسلا	Burnett Middle School		
	m u		1010 N. Kingsway Rd., Seffner	
		Valrico Elementary	609 S. Miller Rd., Valrico	
1			ENING FOR HIGHER INTENSITY STORMS	
		McKitrick Elementary	5503 Lutz Lake Fern Rd., Lutz	
		Chiles Elementary	16541 W. Tampa Palms Blvd., Tampa	
		Cimino Elementary	4329 Culbreath Rd., Valrico	
		Symmes Elementary	6280 Watson Rd., Riverview	
		Marshall Middle School	18 S. Maryland Ave., Plant City	
!		Tomlin Middle School	501 N. Woodrow Wilson St., Plant City	
		Oak Park Elementary	2716 N. 46th St., Tampa	
;		Lake Magdalene Elementary	2002 Pine Lake Dr., Tampa	
		Nelson Elementary	5413 Durant Rd., Dover	
		Schmidt Elementary	1250 Williams Rd., Brandon	
		Adams Middle School	10201 N. Boulevard, Tampa	
		Walker Middle School	8282 N. Mobley Rd., Odessa	
1		Jennings Middle School	8799 Williams Rd., Seffner	
		Benito Middle School	10101 Cross Creek Blvd., Tampa	
3		Mulrennan Middle School	4215 Durant Rd., Valrico	
		Newsome High School	16550 Fish Hawk Blvd., Lithia	
	@	Spoto High School	8538 Eagle Palm Dr., Riverview	
i		Bartels Middle School	9020 Imperial Oak Blvd., Tampa	
		Sheehy Elementary	6402 N. 40th St., Tampa	
		Collins Elementary	12424 Summerfield Blvd., Riverview	
,		Summerfield Crossings Elementary	11050 Fairway Meadows Dr., Riverview	
=		Brandon High School	1101 Victoria St., Brandon	
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		Cork Elementary	3501 N. Cork Rd., Plant City	
		Forest Hills Elementary	10112 N. Ola Ave., Tampa	
		Walden Lakes Elementary	2800 Turkey Creek Rd., Plant City	
1		Bevis Elementary	5720 Osprey Ridge Blvd., Lithia	
	X	Lennard High School	2002 Shell Point Rd., Ruskin	
		Pride Elementary	18271 Kinnan St., Tampa	
1		Wilson Elementary	702 English St., Plant City	
1		Greco Middle School	6925 E. Fowler Ave., Temple Terrace	
	<u>@</u>	Bryant Elementary	13910 Nine Eagles Rd., Tampa	
		Fish Hawk Creek Elementary	16815 Dorman Rd., Lithia	
		Corr Elementary	13020 Kings Lake Dr., Gibsonton	
	@	Giunta Middle School	4202 S. Falkenburg Rd., Riverview	
		Knights Elementary	4815 N. Keene Rd., Plant City	
7		Martinez Middle School	5601 Lutz Lake Fern Rd., Lutz	
		Tampa Bay Blvd. Elementary	3111 Tampa Bay Blvd., Tampa	
3		Plant City High School	1 Raider PL, Plant City	
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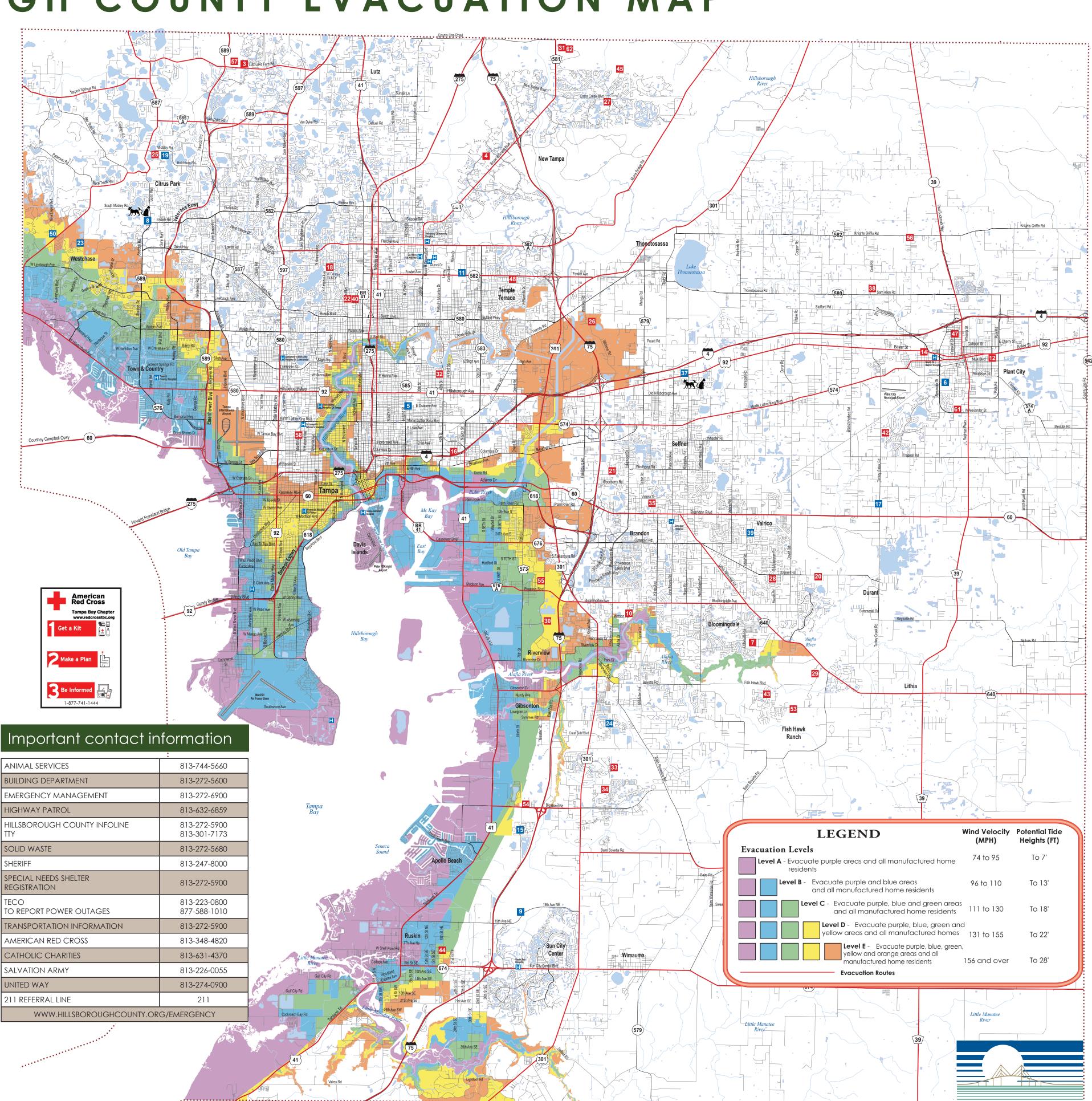


Hillsborough County transportation information

During a hurricane evacuation, area buses run evacuation routes throughout the county to assist those who need transportation to shelters.

Greater Tampa and Town n' Country: Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority runs special evacuation routes in these areas. For route maps and instructions, visit www.hartline.org or call the HART InfoLine at 813-254-4278. This information is also available on the County Emergency Management website, www.hillsboroughcounty.org/emergency or by calling the Hillsborough InfoLine at 813-272-5900.

South and East Hillsborough County: Hillsborough County School District buses run evacuation routes in these areas. Route information is available at www.hillsboroughcounty.org/emergency or via the Hillsborough InfoLine at



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